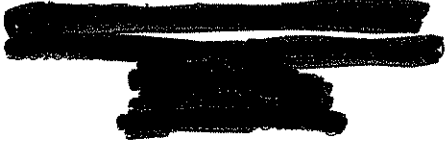


## **RESUME**

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### **PROFILE/GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Over twenty- five years of experience with Western water resource issues; focus on municipal water supply and water quality concerns; extensive management experience as past Director of Colorado Water Quality Control Division and Director of Aurora Water. Long history of successfully conducting complex, multi-party negotiations and deliberations involving parties throughout Colorado and the West; provided testimony before state legislature, Congressional committees and regulatory agencies. Proven ability to manage difficult budget and personnel matters and implement organization mission. Respected by water providers statewide for knowledge, fairness and openness; excellent working relationship with state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies; demonstrated ability to work with citizens committees and elected officials. Frequent author and lecturer on water quality and water quantity issues with very good communication skills. Newly retained lead on permitting and environmental issues associated with Colorado Springs' Southern Delivery System.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Aurora Water (Director and Deputy Director) 2005-2012:

- Successfully oversaw permitting and construction of \$700M Prairie Waters Project, which was completed in 2010 on time and well under budget.
- Continued staff training, development and leadership efforts, resulting in award winning utility in areas of water treatment, wastewater treatment and conservation; effectively managed staff of 415 individuals with water, wastewater and stormwater responsibility.
- Successfully carried forward regional water supply initiatives to gain efficiencies and reduce costs, including WISE partnership effort in Platte basin, Consolidated Exchange Agreement and Columbine purchase partnership in Colorado basin, and settlement agreement in Arkansas basin concerning use of Fry-Ark Project facilities; steering committee member on 10,825 Colorado River ESA issue; as chairman, advanced agenda of Front Range Water Council; participant in IBCC and Roundtable activities.

- Managed difficult financial challenges by holding steady O&M budgets, reducing or eliminating planned rate increases, reassessing approach to tap fees and committing to Prairie Waters operations without new FTEs.
- Completed customer service business initiative and began implementation with identified measurement metrics; advanced asset management study.

#### Colorado Water Quality Control Division (Director) 2002-2005

- Successfully managed all aspects of state Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act programs, from regulation promulgation to permit issuance, administration of grants, engineering approvals, watershed planning and enforcement; staff of 125 individuals.
- Established sound working relationship with Governor's office, state legislature, Water Quality Control Commission, EPA and variety of municipal, agricultural and industrial stakeholders.
- Successfully led statewide outreach effort to garner support for Division budget proposals as reflected in state legislation.
- Implemented reorganization plan to improve efficiency and effectiveness and better serve constituents within tight budget constraints.

#### Trout and Raley/Anderson, Johnson (partner) 1985-2002

- Served as lead water counsel for Colorado Springs Utilities and Homestake Project, adjudicating new water rights, defending existing rights, negotiating contracts and handling local, state and federal legislative matters.
- Long history of negotiations with West Slope on variety of water and natural resource issues (ESA, Wild and Scenic, wilderness, water quality standards) e.g., Eagle River IGA and Colorado River Recovery Program.
- Provided necessary assistance on NEPA, Section 404 and ESA compliance issues associated with water projects.
- Lead counsel on Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act compliance issues, including NPDES permitting, section 401 certifications, TMDL development, MCL establishment and watershed initiatives.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Western Urban Water Coalition—Officer and chair of Clean Water Committee

Colorado Water Congress—Board member and past chair of State Affairs Committee

National Water Resources Association—Co-chair Water Quality Task Force

Officer, Front Range Water Council

Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Agencies-- past VP

Western Coalition of Arid States—past chair of Legal Issues Committee

Past Member, Colorado Intrastate Basin Compact Commission (IBCC)

### **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.S. in English/Education-Comparative Literature (honors)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Juris Doctorate 1979 (cum laude)

#### **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

- Author, "TMDLs: A New Rule", ABA Trends, April, 2001.
- Author, "Old Battles-New Weapons: The Establishment of Flow Criteria", ABA Natural Resources Journal, Summer, 1999.
- Author, "The Clean Water Act : Cooperative Federalism?", ABA Natural Resources Journal, Summer, 1997.
- Author, "Water, Watersheds and the West: The Impact of the Jefferson County Decision", The Environmental Lawyer, September, 1995.
- Author, "Quality versus Quantity: The Continued Right to Appropriate", The Colorado Lawyer, June-July, 1986.

#### **REFERENCES**

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